

Offertory ..... #184 "Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord..." (Red)  
*"Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
 Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
 that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.  
 Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come."*

Nicene Creed .....Pg. 126 (Red)  
 The Prayers of the Church  
 Sharing of the Peace

**-ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION-**

**Communion Invitation** - All baptized Christians, who believe that Jesus Christ comes to us in and through the bread and wine of Holy Communion are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. Young persons not yet communing are asked to fold their hands and receive a blessing from the pastor. Those communing are asked to hold out their hand, palm up. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it; simply cover your hand over the cup, and the pastor will serve you grape juice. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Great Thanksgiving .....Pg. 129 (Red)  
 Sanctus ..... #525 "You Are Holy, You Are Whole" (Red)  
 Words of Institution .....Pg. 130 - #11 (Red)  
 The Lord's Prayer .....Congregation Sings ("Debts," "Debtors")

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Lamb of God .....Pg. 135 (Red)  
 Hymns During Communion .....#294, 471, 479, 270 (Red)  
 Post-Communion Prayer .....Pg. 136 (Red)

**-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-**

Announcements

Blessing  
 Pastor: May our Savior, Immanuel, who has come among us, guide, defend, and be with you in the days ahead.  
**Congregation: Amen.**

Closing Hymn ..... #298 "The Bells of Christmas" v. 1-4 (Red)

Postlude



**All Members: Ministers**  
**1st Sunday after Christmas**  
**December 28, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
 Pastor Daniel Belgum-Blad  
 Home: 320.974.0736  
 Church Office: 320.974.8695

ENABLING OUR MINISTRY	
<b>Ministers</b> .....All Members	<b>Communion Assistant</b> .....Dennis Goehring
<b>Presiding Minister</b> .....Daniel Belgum-Blad	<b>Lector</b> .....Peggy Starz
<b>Council President</b> .....Bob Starz	<b>Acolyte</b> .....Jacob Belgum
<b>Organist</b> .....Deb Mickle	<b>Ushers</b> .....Don Anderson, Ole Hovey Connie & Jessica Halvorson
<b>Secretary</b> .....Janelle Eisenbacher	<b>Greeters</b> .....Larry & Sheryl Stranberg
<b>Sextons</b> .....Paul & Rolayne Beerman family	<b>Coffee Servers</b> .....Greg & Tracy Madsen Steve Bomstad & Marj Kujawa
<b>Offering Counter</b> .....Dana Hedberg	
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....Larry & Sheryl Stranberg	

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*As we enter the Sanctuary, let us speak to God.  
As we worship, let God speak to us.  
As we leave, let us speak to each other.*

### **-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-**

Welcome  
Hymn Sing  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
Confession & Forgiveness .....Pg. 116 (Red)  
Gathering Hymn .....#267 "Joy to the World"- v. 1-2 (Red)

### **-WE PRAISE GOD-**

Hymn of Praise - "This is The Feast" .....Pg. 122 (Red)

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

***Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

### **-GOD SPEAKS TO US-**

First Lesson ..... **Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

<sup>61:10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>61:11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. <sup>62:1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>62:2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>62:3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Second Lesson ..... **Galatians 4:4-7**

<sup>4:4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>4:5</sup> in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>4:6</sup> And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>4:7</sup> So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel Acclamation .....Pg. 124 "Alleluia..." (Red)  
Holy Gospel .....Luke 2:7, 22-40  
Congregation Responds ..... "Glory to You, O Lord"

<sup>2:7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn... <sup>2:22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>2:23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>2:24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." <sup>2:25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>2:26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>2:27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>2:28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>2:29</sup> "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>2:30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>2:31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>2:32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." <sup>2:33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>2:34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>2:35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul too." <sup>2:36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>2:37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day <sup>2:38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>2:39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>2:40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Congregation Responds ..... "Praise to You, O Christ"

Sermon ..... "No Room in the Inn"

Hymn .....#278 "Away in a Manger" (Red)

### **-WE RESPOND TO GOD-**

Offering

## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

### **Today-Sunday-December 28- 1st Sunday after Christmas**

9:00 a.m. .... Worship/Holy Communion  
 10:00 a.m. .... Fellowship

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/NO ADULT STUDY**

**Wednesday** 9:00 a.m. .... Fold Outreach

### **Next Sunday-January 4- 2nd Sunday after Christmas**

9:00 a.m. .... Worship/Holy Communion  
 10:00 a.m. .... Fellowship  
 10:15 a.m. .... Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. .... Adult Study

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### **Offering from Wed., December 24, 2008 - 4:00 p.m.**

Attendance .....143  
 Regular Offering .....\$1703.22  
 Sunday School .....\$50.00  
 Benevolence .....\$300.00  
**TOTAL** .....\$2053.22

December Ministry Goal\* .....\$14,990.20  
 Needed (To Date) To Meet Dec. Ministry Goal ....\$4837.49

### **Offering from Wed., December 24, 2008 - 11:00 p.m.**

Attendance .....47  
 Regular Offering .....\$1386.00  
**TOTAL** .....\$1386.00

December Ministry Goal\* .....\$14,990.20  
 Needed (To Date) To Meet Dec. Ministry Goal ....\$3451.49

\*Our Ministry Goal is the amount we need each month to undertake & accomplish the ministries & mission we have agreed to as God's called and sent people.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Welcome to Worship at Immanuel**

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us and hope that this time is one of refreshment and encouragement for you. If you would like more information about Immanuel please contact the pastor or a Council member. We invite you for coffee, juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall (basement) following worship, and hope you will join us again soon.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Our church and other area churches; our community; our Synod Bishop, Jon Anderson, and Synod staff, the SW Minnesota and the ELCA Synod; our nation; our companion synod: The South Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa; we remember the people of Palestine and Israel; those serving in the armed services; and that all people on earth may lay down their arms and work for peace and justice for all; our missionaries: James and Carol Sack, serving in Japan; (Please let us know if you have specific prayer requests).

### **Sunday School Birthday Party for Jesus**

Because we did not have Sunday School on December 21, we will be having our Birthday Party for Jesus on January 4 during Sunday School time.

### **We Need A Preschool Teacher for Sunday School!**

We have a great class of fun preschoolers (and one kindergartener!) that are in need of an adult teacher and possibly some helpers for January thru May. Please consider ministering to our Sunday School preschoolers in this way. We have an opening music leader in place. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Everson or the church office. If we do not find a teacher, we will not be able to offer PreK Sunday School.

**Bible Study Schedule Change** - There will be no men's or women's Bible study this week. Bible study will resume January 6. Both the Women's & Men's studies will be at Peaceful Thymes starting January 6 and 8. Women's study will meet at 8 a.m. as usual. Men's study will be at 7:30 a.m.

### **Bible Campers Bulletin Board Information**

All Bible campers should turn in their camp memories and photos before January 11 so our camper bulletin board can be completed before Camp Sunday. Please drop off your information in the church office, or email it to [imman@frontiernet.net](mailto:imman@frontiernet.net).

**Sweater Sale Continues** - Sweaters are now on sale 2 for the price of 1 through the end of the year. Sales support our Youth Mission Trip, 2009.